

ATTENTION MONITOR MANUFACTURERS:

ENERGY STAR® TO REVISE COMPUTER MONITOR SPECIFICATION

LCD Flat Panel Displays to Play A More Active Role in the New Specification:

ENERGY STAR plans to revise its current monitor specification, taking into account new technologies in the marketplace that have significant energy saving benefits. A primary goal of the new specification is to recognize the energy-efficiency benefits of LCD Flat Panel Displays, which require far less energy than CRT displays.

Active Power Mode To Be Addressed:

The new specification will propose an active power consumption requirement and test procedure for monitors, building upon the existing sleep mode requirements of the current specification. A standby/off requirement is also under consideration.

Active Power Consumption to be Measured in Pixels Per Watt:

The active power specification will be based on the number of pixels per watt of active power consumed. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) believes this method to be the most useful, representative measure of efficiency.

Save the Date: April 29-30, 2002. Upcoming Industry Meeting to Discuss Specification Revisions:

ENERGY STAR welcomes industry input when revising its specifications. An industry meeting is scheduled for April 29-30, 2002 in San Francisco, to be held in conjunction with TCO's discussion on the revision of its monitor specification.

For More Information:

Please visit the DisplaySearch Booth between the hours of 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 21, to meet with Andrew Fanara (Environmental Protection Agency) and Chris Calwell (Ecos Consulting) for more information on the specification process. You are also encouraged to visit the ENERGY STAR Product Development Web site at http://www.energystar.gov/products, (please scroll down and click on the Products in Development button) for more information about the specification revisions, as it becomes available.

For further information, please contact Craig Hershberg (EPA) at hershberg.craig@epa.gov.

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